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**AUSTIN ATTORNEY ARRESTED –
CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a federal grand jury in Austin returned a - two-count indictment against 42 year old Douglas Michael Stum of Austin, TX, for possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors and possession of an obscene visual representation of the sexual abuse of a child.

The indictment was returned on February 20, 2007, and unsealed following his arrest this morning.

On June 23, 2006, FBI agents executed a search warrant of Stum's residence and computers. A forensic analysis of Stum's computers revealed they contained over a thousand of images of child pornography, to include still images and videos of infant children.

Upon conviction, Stum faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine per count.

This Project Safe Childhood case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin.

Guided by the leadership of the Attorney General, Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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